

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

- 1           1.    A vehicle door latch operation control device comprising:  
2                a latch release actuator driving a latch mechanism which holds the door  
3                relative to a vehicle body so as to allow the door to be opened;  
4                trigger means for alternatively turning on and off the latch release  
5                actuator; and  
6                a controller controlling operation of the latch release actuator based on  
7                an operation signal issued from the trigger means, the controller being provided  
8                with a lock/unlock setting portion which establishes a lock state and an unlock  
9                state at each of an inside and an outside of the vehicle body independently.
- 1           2.    The vehicular door latch operation control device as set forth in  
2                Claim 1, further comprising a memory in which a program for establishing the  
3                lock and unlock states is stored.
- 1           3.    A vehicle door latch operation control device comprising:  
2                a latch release actuator operable to drive a latch mechanism which holds  
3                a door of a vehicle relative to a body of the vehicle to move the latch mechanism  
4                to a position allowing the door to be opened;  
5                means issuing an operation signal to turn the latch release actuator on or  
6                off;  
7                a driving circuit for operating the latch release actuator; and

8 a controller controlling the driving circuit to operate the latch release  
9 actuator based on the operation signal issued from said means to establish a lock  
10 state and an unlock state at an inside of the vehicle while also independently  
11 establishing the lock state and the unlock state at an outside of the vehicle

1 4. The vehicular door latch operation control device as set forth in  
2 Claim 3, further comprising a memory in which is stored a control program for  
3 establishing the lock and unlock states.

1 5. The vehicular door latch operation control device as set forth in  
2 Claim 3, further comprising a memory in which is stored a current locked or  
3 unlocked state at the inside of the vehicle and a current locked or unlocked state at  
4 the outside of the vehicle.

1 6. The vehicular door latch operation control device as set forth in  
2 Claim 3, further comprising a memory in which is stored a current state of  
3 whether or not a double lock function is active.

1 7. The vehicular door latch operation control device as set forth in  
2 Claim 3, further comprising a memory in which is stored a current state of  
3 whether or not a child-proof lock function is active.